Wemyss Bay Village News

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Wemyss Bay Community Association

Your Community Association meets on the first Wednesday of the month in the Inverkip Hotel at 7.30pm. If you are interested in joining the Community Association, simply finding out what is going on in and around the village or want to lend a hand at our annual summer gala or christmas lights switch-on please come along. We are a friendly group who make all our visitors most welcome.

Any articles or information for publishing in future editions should be e-mailed to the Village News Editor or placed in the Village News folder in the Spar. The closing date for submissions for the November edition is Sunday 23rd October 2011. If you have any queries about the Community Association or Village News then please don't hesitate to contact us via the e-mail addresses at the top of the page.

Waste Collection

Your black bin will be collected on Tuesdays the 11th and 25th of October. Your blue and brown bins will be emptied on Tuesdays the 4th and 18th of October. Reminders are 'tweeted' each Monday to those who follow us on Twitter.

Workers Educational Association (Skelmorlie and Wemyss Bay Branch)

Autumn Session 2011

The new session of the WEA (Workers' Educational Association) started on Wednesday, 28th September, with a series of talks, on a wide variety of subjects planned. We are an enthusiastic, lively group of retirees and our series of morning talks helps to keep our grey cells exercised as well as providing a welcoming, friendly forum for meeting like-minded folk with an interest in just about anything.

We meet in the Reading Room above the Library in Skelmorlie Community Centre in Upper Skelmorlie, which is easily accessible by bus (the stop is at the front door) and has a large car park close by. Teas and coffees are available from 9.45a.m. and talks usually finish by 11.30 so there is plenty of time to fit in other activities after lunch.

There is no compulsory membership and you can come along to whatever talks appeal to you. It costs £2.50 or £2.00 for concessions. For further information please phone Jenny McGee (01475 521090)

The Autumn Programme is as follows:
October 5th - "Travels in Cambodia and Vietnam" by Bob Buntain. A beautifully photographed tour of these fascinating countries.

October 12th - "Disadvantage as Chance" – Nathalie Sheridan presents one of her most significant and controversial research findings that refugee children demonstrate stronger cultural competences and social skills than Scottish children from socially deprived backgrounds.

October 19th - Dalgavern Mill - Robert Ferguson tells us about the story behind this Kilwinning tourist attraction.

October 26th - Outing by coach to the new Riverside Musem and Kelvingrove Museum and Art gallery.

November 2nd - " A Choral Celebration" We welcome back our popular Musical Maestro Glyn Bragg, who will lead us through a mix of sacred and secular music from a variety of choirs from all over the world accompanied by his entertaining repartee.

November 9th – "Power and Paranoia" – Mad Dictators and Crazy Kings. Dr. Oliver Thomson returns with another thought-provoking subject which will inevitably lead to a lively debate!

November 16th - "Central Spain" Roger Watts takes us on a pictorial tour of Madrid and some of Spain's walled cities.

November 23rd - "Waveheart – Sir Andrew Wood of Largo" Brian Searl takes a look at the life of a man who began his career as a Merchant in Leith but rose to become Lord High Admiral of Scotland.

November 30th - "Sherry, Shortbread and a Seasonal Surprise" Our "Free" morning which does "what it says on the tin" A fun end to the session and introduction to the Festive Season.

Wemyss Bay Adult Association

The Autumn/Winter programme for 2011 is as follows:-

ART - starts Monday 19 September 7-9 pm for 10/12 weeks
GUITAR - starts Monday 19 September 7-9pm for 10/12 weeks
CROSS-STITCH - starts Tuesday 20 September 7-9pm for 10/12 weeks
YOGA - starts Wednesday 21 September 7.30-9pm

New classes which may be on offer are Jewellery Making, Cake Decorating and Chewin' the Fat for Scotland which is a fun look at Scottish History. These classes will only go ahead if there is sufficient interest.

All classes are held in Wemyss Bay Primary.
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The Country Club

The October/November meetings of The Country Club, to be held in The Chart Room at Kip Marina are as follows;

Wednesday 12th October – Mr John Steele on the subject of 'The Scandals of HMS Dasher'

Wednesday 26th October – Mr Alex Lochrie on the subject of 'Never to Old'

Wednesday 9th November – Mr Eddy Yde on the subject of 'Lands End to John O' Groats'

The Country Club is a non-political and non-denominational club which was founded over 20 years ago for all in Wemyss Bay and the surrounding area aged 50 years of age and over. The afternoons are always rounded off with a welcome 'cuppa' and time for a chat and two social events are also held during the session as well as a summer outing.

The annual subscription for the Club is £10 with visitors paying £1 per meeting.

We are keen to increase our membership and would like to extend an invitation to all who have some time to spare. So please come along and join us you will be made most welcome.

Further particulars may be obtained from our Secretary, Mrs Ann Haig on 522316.

Inverkip and Wemyss Bay Community Council

The Community Council holds monthly Business Meetings, usually on the first Thursday of the month. Any member of the public (particularly Inverkip and Wemyss Bay residents) are welcome to attend.

The next meeting of the Inverkip and Wemyss Bay Community Council will be held on Thursday 6th October at Wemyss Bay Primary School, and it will be the last of this session as elections for new members are due to be held. After the election the new Community Council will meet under a new Scheme of Administration.

An election for the nine available places on Inverkip and Wemyss Bay Community Council will be held as eleven nominations have been lodged with Inverclyde Council. The election is due to be held on Thursday 13th October, just a week after the last meeting of the existing Community Council on Thusday 6th October in Wemyss Bay primary school at 7.30pm. More information will be available nearer the time, please check local press for further details. All welcome.

The three community councillors resident in Wemyss Bay have served the area well and the Community Council would like to thank Wemyss Bay residents for their support.

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Bible Club & Youth Club

Bible Club and Youth Group started again in September and it was great to see everyone. If your child or young person would like to join Bible Club or Youth Group, we meet on Monday evenings in Wemyss Bay Community Centre. Bible Club is from 6.15pm to 7.30pm and is for children in P1 to P6. Activities include competitions, songs, games, Bible stories and other activities.

Youth Group is from 7.45pm to 9.30pm and is for young people in P7 and high school, with similar activities suitable for that age including games (dodgeball, electricity and many others) and a tuck shop, along with various outings throughout the year. Last year was a busy year which ended in June with a visit to Funworld and Laser Matrix for Bible Club. Youth Group enjoyed outings to Xscape, M&D's, Lazer Planet and the Irn Bru Carnival. A small number of young people also got to attend the Scotland v. Spain game at Hampden in October which was a great occasion (despite Scotland losing 3-2). Some of the group also attended the recent qualifier against Lithuania in September at Hampden.

The clubs are run by Strathclyde Bible Ministries and there are no fees for either club. If you would like further information, please contact Stephen Renton on 01505 355994.

Ardgowan Football Development

The 2011/12 session started in August and 170 kids registered for the Sunday Coaching Sessions. The Primary 1, 2 and 3 sessions were in high demand and there is currently a waiting list for these sessions. There are limited places in the Primary 4, 5, 6 and 7 sessions. If your child would like to join AFD please contact Iain Buchan on 07791 964277 or speak to one of the Coaches on a Sunday.

There will be no AFD sessions on Sunday 23rd October.

Session times are noted below:

P1. 12:05 - 13:20 indoors
P2. 13:25 - 14:40 indoors
P3. 14:45 - 16:00 indoors
P4. 10:30 - 12:00 Astroturf
P5. 12:00 - 13:30 Astroturf
P6. 13:30 - 15:00 Astroturf
P7. 15:00 - 16:30 Astroturf

Goalkeeping sessions are also available, contact AFD for further info.

Ardgowan Thistle FC

We have ATFC Teams at Under 9, 10, 11 and 12 age groups and all kids are selected from the AFD Sunday Sessions. The Under 9's Development Squad play friendly matches and the Under 10, 11 and 12 Squads play in Scottish Youth Football Association 7 A Side Leagues.

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Stuart McMillan MSP

Village News readers will be aware of the campaign to save Clyde Coastguard. This is a campaign I fully support and have been heavily involved in, through meeting with Clyde representatives, attending public meetings, signing petitions and lobbying the UK Government and other elected representatives.

There is cross party support in Scotland to keep the Clyde MRCC and other stations open. Leaving the West Coast of Scotland to be covered by the stations in Belfast and Stornoway, who won't have the local knowledge, may well add to the time it takes to get to those in trouble. This situation would be highly dangerous and I believe is ill advised.

Local knowledge and understanding are vital when dealing with emergency situations and with half of Scotland's marina's in the Clyde MRCC area, as well as numerous ferry routes including the high volume routes from Gourock, there will be a reduction in confidence and growth from investors if they feel that safety on the Clyde is being placed in jeopardy.

Therefore, it's vital we retain MRCC Clyde in Greenock in-order to reassure the public in West Scotland that safety is of paramount importance rather than what we are currently witnessing which is a cost cutting exercise from the Tory Lib Dem UK Government.

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Duncan McNeil MSP

For those who stay out in our small town and villages, it's not difficult to see the attraction, with the spectacular views and quiet lifestyle. The flip side is having to travel some distance for work, hospital appointments or even to go shopping.

Unfortunately, I fear that journey is set to get even longer for some people. Students for example, could face a trip to Paisley just to continue their courses at James Watt with plans for a merger with Reid Kerr. Those accessing paediatric services at the Royal Alexandra Hospital in Paisley, they could face an even longer trip to Yorkhill under another proposed reorganisation.

As organisations and public service providers look to make efficiencies in a time of falling budgets, it feels like everything is getting further away from Inverclyde. I have long campaigned for better transport links, particularly from our villages, to remove barriers for essential services like health care and education. However, I suspect little of these economies will be reinvested in transport to plug the gaps in services. There is no doubt that savings have to be made to ensure many of these services are viable and sustainable in the long-term. But our community could be paying a high price if local accountability is compromised.

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Dog Fouling

Unfortunately some dog walkers in the Village are not clearing up the excrement left by their dogs despite the provision of dog fouling bins. Residents are reminded that it is an offence not to remove and dispose of any excrement after a dog has fouled. This applies to all publicly accessible land, including the woods and beach area.

Inverclyde Council has Enforcement Officers who can issue fixed penalty notices of £40 to offenders. It is also a further offence to refuse to provide your name and address to an Enforcement Officer issuing a fixed penalty notice.

If you have witnessed dog fouling offences being committed or are experiencing regular difficulties with people allowing their dogs to foul in your neighbourhood you can contact Inverclyde Council in confidence for advice and assistance on 714200.

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On This Day in Wemyss Bay History

In October 1864 the paddle steamer ' PS Kyles' was launched by the Wemyss Bay Steamboat Company. If you have any interesting facts about Wemyss Bay that you'd like to include in our new section we would be glad to receive them at either of our e-mail addresses or alternatively you can drop a note into the Village News folder in the Spar.

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